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IMAGE OUTPUT METHOD AND  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sirs:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a. Applicants disclose that some of these references were cited in communications issued as a result of information provided to the Japan Patent Office by a third party for two of the Japanese priority applications. References JP11-88577 and JP2000-293528 were cited in the Priority application JP 2003-379438, and references JP 2003-242178 and JP 2003-223347 were cited in the Priority application JP 2003-355220.

The Japanese Patent Office communications, citing these references, are herewith provided in the Japanese language. The English translations of these communications are not readily available to the undersigned. It is understood that these communications are not Office Actions and do not reflect the opinion of the Japan Patent Office examiner.

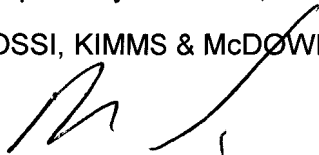
The reference JP 2002-046324, also cited on the attached PTO/SB/08a, was cited in the specification of the present United States application.

Applicant also discloses the following related co-pending application: SN.  
10/573,334. This application has not yet been published, so a copy of the specification,  
claims, abstract and figures for this co-pending related application, as well as references  
cited in any Information Disclosure Statements filed therein, are attached.

It is respectfully requested that this information be expressly considered during  
the prosecution of this application, that these references be made of record therein and  
appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom, and that an  
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